

Edgman's COLUMN

J. F. Lucey, for the Recruiting Committee of the Mayor's Committee on National Defense, Makes Strong Plea for the Retention of Boxing in This State.

BOXING is one of the sports depended upon to develop first-class fighting men—men with the ability and the will to fight—in the United States Navy. Probably Gov. Whitman will not claim that the navy is conducting a disreputable and brutal sport.

During the past day or two I have received scores of letters from all sorts of people who are strongly opposed to having boxing contests, as carried on under the Frawley Law, stopped in this state.

Here is a letter from a gentleman who represents the sentiments of hundreds of thousands of his fellow-citizens:

MAJOR'S COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE.

Mr. R. Edgman, Evening World, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir: Please accept the sincere thanks of this committee for the valued assistance you rendered us through the columns of your paper in connection with our reception to the officers and crew of the visiting warships of our allies at Madison Square Garden on May 13 last.

We are frank to say that without your generous newspaper contributions it would have been almost impossible to convey the necessary information to the public, which resulted, as you know, in bringing to the Garden one of the largest crowds in its history.

We agree with you and hope that the boxing and wrestling exhibitions at the Garden will help to bring the sport before the public in a light which will no doubt be beneficial to it, especially in view of the fact that it is the principal form of athletic entertainment indulged in by both the army and the navy.

Cordially yours,

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ACCORDING to the latest advice from Australia, over 700 boxers in all classes enlisted there for the war. The boxing clubs have raised "close to \$250,000" for war purposes. The boxers remaining in Australia (many because they are under age) have built homes at a place called "French's Forest." The boxers returned from the fighting front.

THE latest recruit to the Sporting Legion is Art Edmunds, who will be remembered in New York as one of the greatest fighting featherweights since the time of McGovern. Edmunds, known as the "Pocket Hercules," was so dangerous that after a few fights he was compelled to fight lightweights, welters and even middleweights.

Art has been in Canada for some years, and there he has been engaged in military work. Edmunds lost the sight of one eye by accident, years ago, for which reason he was rejected when he tried to enlist with the Canadian troops. Here is his experience, as told by himself in a letter from Toronto:

"I tried five times to enlist. The battalions all wanted me, but I was turned down by the doctors on account of my eye. I tried the sixth time—some doctors, of course—and I told them that I MUST be signed on, and that if they wouldn't sign me, I'd fight my way into the army. They said they would sign me, but they wouldn't let me go until I had been examined by a medical examination board. They rejected me because of the blind eye. The Colonel, officers and men all told me they regretted much my not being with them. My brothers have been there and proved that we are a fighting family on the field as well as in the ring and the mat. I have been reading of the Sporting Legion, and I had such a large following of the sporting public whenever I appeared in New York City I believe it a duty to offer my services to the legion—such to be used in any way I would like to private or a recruiting agent. I was one of the team here that won the silver cup for securing the most recruits. I did good work for a good cause. Hoping I will be accepted in some capacity for the good old U. S. A. I remain yours truly,

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Athletic Notes

Fearing a curtailment in the number of entries, the New York Athletic Club has decided to award the usual gold, silver and bronze medals to the point winners in its annual spring games to be held on June 2 at Travers Island. Paul Pilgrim, athletic director of the club, said yesterday that he deemed it unwise to follow the suggestions made by the recent conference of leaders of amateur sport organizations to eliminate costly prizes. The attitude of the club is that with valuable or even suitable prizes withheld it will be impossible to get a complete entry in any of the events.

Four historic silver cups won by Len Meyers, the great runner, in Europe from 1881 to 1886, and three other cups won by Tommy Connel, who held the one mile world record of 4:12.2 for thirty years until it was broken by John Paul Jones and later by Norman E. Taber, were destroyed in a \$10,000 fire at the home of G. M. L. Sacks, at Long Branch, N. J. Mr. Sacks took Len Meyers' silver cups over thirty years ago in the colors of the old Manhattan Athletic Club, and the trophies were turned over to him by Meyers and Connel as souvenirs.

Billy Moore, Captain of the Princeton track team that was badly defeated last night in the annual Princeton games at Princeton, N. J., which the Tigers will try to build a week from Saturday. Moore pulled the tendon just before the Princeton varsity relay arrived, and the cold weather has retarded his recovery.

Suspension is the punishment that will be meted out to E. Farrell of the Morningstar Athletic Club, who was expelled from the running of the Ozzum Classic in the Bronx last Sunday.

The Monument A. C. of Staten Island will hold a five-day road race on Wednesday, May 16, at all registered athletes.

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Norway Intended to Send Team of Athletes to U. S. When War Spoiled Plans

The Country Making Great Progress on Track and Field, According to Report Made by George F. Pawling, Vice President of A. A. U.

GEORGE F. PAWLING, Vice President of the Amateur Athletic Union, reported to Frederick W. Rubben, Secretary-Treasurer of the A. A. U., to-day that Norway was about to send a team of athletes here, when the United States' entry into the war made the enterprise impossible.

Pawling went to the Scandinavian countries in January bearing with him an invitation to Blin and Zander, the two great Swedish middle distance runners, to come here to compete in the national indoor track and field championships which were held on March 17.

The increased activity of the German submarines and the critical international situation prevented the two Swedish athletes from accepting the invitation. It was not until war was actually declared, however, that the Norwegians desisted of sending a small team across the Atlantic.

The Norwegians have been slow to follow the example of their Swedish neighbors in taking up track and field sports, but within the last year or two they have been thoroughly aroused, according to Pawling, and are making such rapid strides that it will be only a question of a short time before they are on even terms with the Swedes.

Athletics in Sweden, Norway and Denmark is almost universal, although there are a great many men in the armies. Athletic relations between Norway and Sweden on one hand and Denmark on the other have been almost completely severed because of the rows that arose over international soccer games last year.

Pawling was surprised to learn that H. Rosted, the athlete, who was said to be coming here late in the winter, had not put in an appearance, because he was reported to have sailed from Stockholm late in January.

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Golf Notes

Members of the University Club Golf Association are in favor of the two-course proposition and the spring tournament will be held at the Nassau and Piping Rock Clubs on Wednesday, May 16. This is the third year that such a plan has been in use, the idea being that players are grouped into divisions, one to play at Nassau in the morning and Piping Rock in the afternoon; the other to play at Piping Rock in the morning and Nassau in the afternoon.

The Handicap Committee of the Oakland Golf Club has announced to its members that in view of the state of affairs in the country of private and business affairs and the sentiment arising therefrom it is desirable that the golf events to be arranged for the spring be reduced to a minimum, and that the expenses be correspondingly curtailed. The committee proposes that during the months of May and June members turn in alternate scores of work week and Saturday. The sixteen best scores to qualify for a club competition commencing July 1.

Although golfers will hold their usual tournament here this season, offers of prizes have been withdrawn and instead of prizes will be devoted to the golf fund for the summer. This decision was reached at a meeting of the club on Wednesday night. The decision was reached at a meeting of the club on Wednesday night. The decision was reached at a meeting of the club on Wednesday night.

Now that the Inwood Country Club has been selected as the site for the new club house, a little more attention is to be given to the clubhouse. A number of changes are noticeable, and the order of the clubhouse has been changed to even Herbert Strong.

Jack Mackie of the Dunwoody Country Club is to succeed Herbert Strong as professional at the Inwood Country Club. He was selected from among more than twenty applicants, and will take up his duties shortly at the Dunwoody Country Club. Mackie has been so long with Dunwoody that his friends thought he was a fixture there.

Thus far the three associations interested in the Inwood Country Club have taken no official action to cancel the attraction. Mr. Mortimer Stark, president of the Metropolitan Association, said last night that so far as he knew the matter would be held as per schedule. This is New York City for the match.

The Metropolitan Golf Association has the hopes of a record breaking match on Memorial Day to raise money for the ambulance fund in France.

SPORTING QUERIES ANSWERED.

A letter B that the only time that Mike Gibbons knocked out Willie Lewis was at the Empire A. C. in two rounds. B says it was at the Fairmont A. C. They met twice. Who is right?

Gibbons fought Lewis the first time at the Fairmont A. C., the bout going ten rounds, although Lewis was near a knockout in the second round. Their next meeting was at the Empire A. C. Feb. 23, 1912, when Gibbons stopped Lewis in the second round.

Matty Thinks Giants Will Capture Pennant In National League Race

Former New York Idol, but Now Manager of Reds, Thinks His "Banny" Not Disappointed Over Calling Off of His Birthday Celebration Because of Rain.

By Bozeman Bulger.

IN true keeping with his lifelong habits Frank Bancroft, manager of the business end of the Reds and dean of all baseball men, suffered no disappointment whatever over the calling off of his birthday celebration by rain. He was seventy-one years young yesterday.

"It's all right," declared Banny as he saw the "no game" sign posted at the Polo Grounds, "the old birthday will come in handy for a double-header on the next trip. When a man gets my age a difference of two or three months in a birthday celebration makes no difference. Now, when I was on the old Providence Grays—"

That was the tip-off to turn to Matty, who also developed a force of habit. The Old Marster, absent-mindedly, had gone to the Giants' clubhouse to hang up his things.

There we found him, sitting alongside McGraw and chatting about the prospects of the team—New York team, mind you—just the same as if the Reds had never existed. We brought him out of his trance and got him.

"I don't see anything to keep the Giants from winning the pennant this year," said Matty, "but in the next two years we'll see them. The Giants will be in shape to give any of them a pretty good argument. I am trying to build a team up by degrees out there at Cincinnati, and so far we've got away pretty good. At last I have a staff of pitchers any one of whom uses his head as well as his arm, and that is what counts. I had one pitcher who had everything that a pitcher ever had, but to save my life I could not persuade him that baseball was a real profession and that it was up to him to study it. He went back to the minors and never came back."

Despite the dreary afternoon the Dodgers insisted on a game with Chicago, and the baseball writers, official scorers, etc., were thoroughly avenged for being forced to attend. They saw Fred Mitchell's new deal of Cubs while the tarawarding out of the Champs and, notwithstanding their love for "Rookie," the writers could not restrain an occasional giggle.

Charley Ebbets says, though, that he simply has to get in every game possible now, as the Dodgers have so many double-headers scheduled that it is next to impossible to date them. So far the Brooklyn club has lost an immense amount of money through postponements. They lead the league in that respect by a wide margin.

President Tener has called a meeting of the National League owners for next Saturday to discuss ways and means for facing the ominous situation that has resulted from the war. Baseball is in for hard times, and the Governor knows it. One of the things that is to be discussed is the method of collecting the war tax for the Government. By the way, the baseball people feel rather hurt at having been charged with trying to avoid payment of this tax. It is pointed out that the bill just agreed on in Congress expressly stipulates that the tax on tickets for baseball, moving pictures, theatres and railroad transportation is to be paid by the public. The baseball people have nothing to do with it except to arrange ways for the collection. They explain that they will have to pay.

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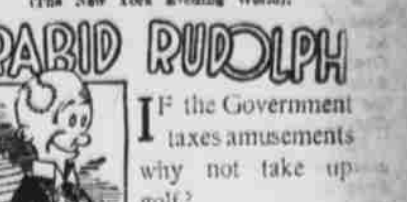
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PUTTING 'EM OVER With "Bugs" Baer

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IF the Government takes amusement why not take up golf?

The game laws for 1917 will not be radically changed. Each hunter is legally entitled to hunt a deer 24,657 times.

Over in England they eat vegetables to save meat and eat meat to save vegetables.

LET'S GO.

Test for the balloon service is dropping 3,000 feet in a parachute. We'll take something or something else.

Unless the weather improves soon baseball fans will be all out of practice.

Fail to see how a ten cent tax on baseball will affect the Washington team. The tax is on baseball.

YOU MUMBLED A FORKFUL.

Bad attendance in the grandstands is generally caused by bad attendance on the baselines.

Three more young pitchers have escaped from the Athletics.

Magpies have stopped worrying where their clubs will finish. If the war goes another year they will be worrying where the league will finish.

The cold weather is holding the Red Sox back. They are only in first place.

The Braves' method of scoring runs is still the same. A base on balls, an infield squawk, a couple of bunched yelps and a sacrifice howl are always good for a run.

Matty has a chance if he can prevent the Reds from acquiring his fade-away.

Government could make more money in Philly by taxing the baseball attendance that doesn't attend.

EASILY.

Joe Chooper claims to be the best lightweight in Rhode Island. The other guy must have left the State.

Managers are cutting down their rosters. They ain't any good and they want more room than a tremble.

Gov. Whitman shouldn't kill being arrested. It being is dangerous they ought to put muzzles on every body.

Sliding head first is something like mutton chop whiskers. Perfectly legal but looks funny.

Norfolk Scores Knockout.

BALTIMORE, May 10.—Kid Norfolk, heavyweight champion of Panama, knocked out Morris Tasso of this city in the fifth round of a scheduled fifteen-round contest here last night. Norfolk floored his opponent six times for the count of nine, finally rocking the local man to sleep with a left hook to the solar plexus.

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